

HOUSE RESOLUTION 13

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Gertrude Brown Smith on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gertrude Brown Smith will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 9, 2007, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, many of Mrs. Smith's dearest family, friends, and neighbors in the Afton community will come together to commemorate her life's bounteous triumphs at a birthday gathering on March 4, 2007; and

WHEREAS, one of a set of twin daughters born to John Hunley and Malissa Alice Marshall Brown on March 9, 1907, Gertrude worked on her family's farm until her marriage; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1933, Gertrude was joined in marriage with Mr. Willie J. "Hoss" Smith, who has since passed on to his great reward; the couple's blessed union produced six children, Evelyn Cansler, Gary F. Smith, Lyle Smith, Lynn Smith, Wanda Baines, and Alice Arrington; and

WHEREAS, besides being a doting wife and mother, Mrs. Smith is also a beloved grandmother to Bert Cansler, Rebecca Hill, Janice Southerland, David Cansler, Darlene Johnson, Lisa Ramsey, Jeff L. Smith, Brian Smith, Natasha Gridley, and Ashli Arrington; a cherished great-grandmother to Jackie Hooper, Tabatha Smith, Amber Ramsey, Matthew Smith, Benjamin Gridley, and Alexis Gridley; and a very special great-great-grandmother to Jayden Hooper; and

WHEREAS, an industrious soul, Mrs. Smith spent the years of her youth nurturing her husband and family, while still finding time to attend to other domestic pursuits such as quilting, canning, and trying new recipes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith still embraces the rich memories of her noteworthy life and loves to recount stories of her young adulthood in the Depression and her childhood antics with her twin sister Melva; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. Smith approaches her 11th decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, still carrying out all of the responsibilities of keeping a household, as well as participating in various enriching avocations such as bird-watching, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gertrude Smith is a lone monument to the legacy of her family and is thus a source of great pride for all who love her; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mrs. Gertrude Brown Smith on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.